

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 41-47 and 66-69 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

The specification is amended to reflect the cross-reference to prior application(s), and to note U.S. government support.

Originally filed claims 1-40 and 48-65 are canceled. Claims 1-40 and 48-65 are canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by the canceled claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Claims 41, 45, and 47 are amended. The amendments to claims 45 and 47 are merely editorial in nature. Support for the amendments to claim 41 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, in particular at the following exemplary locations: page 27, lines 5-17. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments.

New claims 66-69 are added. Support for new claims 66-69 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, in particular at the following exemplary locations: claims 66-67: page 31, line 17 to page 32, line 14; claims 68 and 69: page 9, lines 8-17. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these new claims.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, as shown above. Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 41-47 and 66-69.

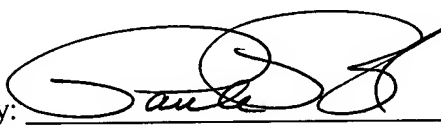
III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL-105CIP2CON2.

Respectfully submitted,
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